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BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Application of American Transmission Company for Certificate
of Public Convenience and Necessity to Construct High Voltage
Transmission Facilities to Interconnect the Badger Generating
Project with the American Transmission Company

137-CE-100

**NOTICE OF PROCEEDING
AND INVESTIGATION AND ASSESSMENT
OF COSTS AND HEARING**

Direct Testimony Due:	Wednesday, July 18, 2001 – Noon
Rebuttal Testimony Due:	Wednesday, July 25, 2001 – Noon
Hearing Date:	Wednesday, August 1, 2001 – 1:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
Hearing Location:	Pleasant Prairie Village Hall Auditorium, 9915 39th Avenue, Pleasant Prairie, WI

THIS IS A PROCEEDING TO consider the application of American Transmission Company (ATC) for authority to construct a new 345 kV transmission interconnection with the recently approved Badger Generating Facility, which in turn would be constructed in the village of Pleasant Prairie, Kenosha County. The application was filed with the Commission pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 196.49 and 196.491, and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 111 and 112. Specific project routes and route alternatives are detailed in the attached map.

Copies of the ATC's application are available for public review at the Kenosha County Public Library Southwest Branch, 7979 38th Avenue, Kenosha, and Northside Branch, 1500 27th Avenue, Kenosha; at the office of the clerk of Kenosha County, 1010 56th Street, Kenosha; and at the office of the clerk of the village of Pleasant Prairie, 9915 39th Avenue, Pleasant Prairie.

ATC states that it is proposing the project in order to provide an overhead transmission option to connect the proposed Badger Generating Facility to the existing electric system.

If the Commission approves the application, construction is scheduled to begin during September 2002. Construction is scheduled to be complete and the interconnection transmission facilities placed in service by January 2003.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Commission considers it necessary, in order to carry out its duties, to investigate all books, accounts, practices, and activities of the applicant. The expenses incurred or to be incurred by the Commission that are reasonably attributable to such an investigation will be assessed against and collected from the applicant in accordance with the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 196.85 and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 5.

A hearing will be held on Wednesday, August 1, 2001, at 1:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the Pleasant Prairie Village Hall Auditorium, 9915 39th Avenue, Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin. This building is accessible to people in wheelchairs. Parking for people with disabilities is available. Any person with a disability who needs accommodations should contact the case coordinator listed below.

Property owners or any other persons having an interest or concern about the facilities or routes are strongly urged to attend and participate in the public hearing. The record of the public hearing is the legal basis for the final decision by the Commission on this application. Interests or concerns expressed after the close of the hearing cannot be used by the Commission to make its decision.

This is a Class 1 proceeding as defined in Wis. Stat. § 227.01(3)(a).

Any person desiring to become a party shall file a request pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(2m) and Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 2.32(3) no later than 20 days from the date of this notice. The request shall be addressed to Administrative Law Judge David C. Whitcomb, Public Service Commission of Wisconsin, P.O. Box 7854, Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7854.

Parties shall file an original and 20 copies of testimony and exhibits with the Commission and shall provide a copy to the other parties. Direct and rebuttal testimony and associated exhibits are due in hand by the dates and times indicated on the first page of this notice. A filing with the Commission may be made by facsimile, but any document filed by facsimile cannot exceed 20 pages. In addition, facsimile filings are due 24 hours earlier than the identified due dates to allow time for copying. The cover sheets of a facsimile filing must include the docket number, state "Official Filing," and list the number of pages. Copies of testimony should also be available at the hearing.

This is a Type II action under Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 4.10(2). It requires the preparation of an environmental assessment to determine whether an environmental impact statement is necessary under Wis. Stat. § 1.11. Persons with questions about environmental aspects of this case may contact Sarah Jenkins, Public Service Commission of Wisconsin, P.O. Box 7854, Madison, WI, 53707-7854, telephone (608) 266-3900, or e-mail at jenkis@psc.state.wi.us.

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participate in this proceeding or who needs to obtain this document in a different format should contact the case coordinator listed below.

Questions from the media may be directed to Jeffrey L. Butson, Public Affairs Director at (608) 267-0912.

Other questions regarding this matter may be directed to case coordinator, Kenneth C. Rineer at (608) 267-1201.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, _____

By the Commission:

Lynda L. Dorr
Secretary to the Commission

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